

**Denial of Request for Extension of
Small Refinery Temporary Exemption
Under the Renewable Fuel Standards Program
For
The Sinclair Companies'
Sinclair Casper Refinery**

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The Sinclair Companies
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Office of Transportation and Air Quality

EPA received a petition from the Sinclair Casper Refinery (“SCR”) dated August 1, 2016, for a one-year extension of the RFS small refinery exemption for SCR’s 2015 RFS obligations. For the reasons described herein, EPA is denying SCR’s request.

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V. Conclusion

Section 211(o)(9)(B) of the CAA and 40 CFR 80.1441(e)(2) allow EPA to grant an extension of a small refinery's exemption based on a demonstration by the small refinery

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of a “disproportionate economic hardship” from compliance with its RFS requirements. Based on our analysis of all of the available information about SCR, and our consultation with DOE, EPA has concluded that SCR will not experience “disproportionate economic hardship” in complying with its 2015 RFS requirements. Therefore, EPA is hereby denying SCR’s request for a temporary extension of SCR’s small refinery RFS hardship exemption for 2015.

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